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1. claims: 1-13,17,18,21-23,26,30

Expanding a tubular patch

2. claims: 14-16,24,27

Deformed patch

3. claims: 19,20,25,28,29

Patch with section of increased wall thickness

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